

**Pre-Bid Inquires & Responses**  
**Received as of June 30, 2009**

Inquiry No.1 - Flat Iron Construction West

We understand that the designer is not planning to issue cross sections for the detours. Without cross sections how will the contractors determine the volume of the detours? We formally request that the designers provide this information to all the contractors.

**Response: Please review I215 Segment 1+2 Plan Volume III of III sheets DEQ 1&2 where information regarding detour quantities is provided. Detour cross sections will be available on July 7, 2009.**

Inquiry No. 2 - Archer Western Contractors (The Walsh Group)

(i) It appears SANBAG has a separate easement agreement with BNSF for the 3 railroad bridges. Each has a requirement for a railroad policy. Question is can we provide one policy that covers all work, or do you need to have a separate policy for each crossing?

**Response: Only one policy covering all railroad bridges will be required.**

(ii). Is this contract covered under CA Code 7105, Acts of God? If not, can you give an idea of limits required?

**Response: Only the insurance coverage requested in the bid package is required.**

Inquiry No. 3 - Matich Corporation

Section 5-1.10 Compensation Adjustment for Price Index Fluctuation. Caltrans is currently utilizing 5% and not 10%; will SANBAG change to utilizing the 5%, with this project going out 4 plus years?

**Response: For Section 5-1.10 Compensation Adjustment for Price Index Fluctuation SANBAG will use 5%. The change will be made in Addendum No. 1.**

Inquiry No. 4 - MCM Construction

There are two bridges that must be removed during the course of construction of the project that are not identified in Section 10-1.32 Existing Highway Facilities, Sub-Section Bridge Removal and not assigned a Bridge Removal Location. These are the SB On Ramp Bridge at Orange Street and SB Off Ramp at 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Please identify how removal of these bridges is to be paid and provide bridge no.s so that we can obtain as built drawings from Caltrans.

**Response: Two additional bridge removals will be added to the Special Provisions and bid list as lump sum items. The bridges are Orange Street On-Ramp OC (Br No 54-497C) and Thirteenth Street Off-Ramp OC (Br No 54-521C). These changes will be included in Addendum No. 1.**

Inquiry No. 5 ó Teichert Construction

(i) The invitation to bid states that performance and payment bonds shall be 100% of the value of the contract. On page 18 Section 3-1.03 Contract Bonds states that the payment bond is 100% of the total bid and the performance bond is 50% of the bid. Please clarify which is correct.

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**Response: The 100 % Performance Bond will be required. Please refer to page 30 of Volume 2, Section 5-1.04 “Contract Components”.**

(ii) Page 19 section 3-1.09 states that the contract for a non-informal bid contract, the Office Engineer must receive these documents before the 10<sup>th</sup> business day after the bidder receives the contract. Page 294 Section 3-103 Contract Execution states that the contract shall be returned before the 5<sup>th</sup> business day. Please clarify which is correct.

**Response: Section 3-103 on page 294 will govern, so the Office Engineer (SANBAG) must receive the contract documents before the 5th business day after the bidder receives the contract. Please refer to page 30 of Volume 2, Section 5-1.04 “Contract Components”.**

(iii) The traffic control charts are dated 4/17/08 with a validity of 24 Months. Please verify that these charts are appropriate for the duration of the project.

**Response: The Lane Requirement Charts shall be valid for the duration of construction.**

(iv) The bid schedule does not note which items are considered specialty items. Please clarify which items are designated specialty.

**Response: There are no specialty items within this project. Caltrans has revised their bid schedule and has eliminated the requirement for specialty items.**

(v) Bid Item 195 is called out as 1300 mm reinforced concrete pipe, which is approximately 52 inch diameter pipe. To our knowledge there is not a supplier in the area that makes pipe in this size - should this be 1350 mm (54 inch) pipe? If so please correct the bid schedule.

**Response: There is no 1300mm pipe on the project, the Bid Item List will be updated to reflect 1350mm pipe in Addendum No. 1.**

(vi) Is there a soils report available in addition to the boring logs provided? If so can a copy be issued via addenda? If it will not be issued, where can we review?

**Response: All the supplemental project information (except for bridge As-Built Drawing) is available for review at the SANBAG field office located at 2700 Little Mountain Drive, Bld. B, Ste. 101. Please call to make an appointment to review the documents. The documents (except for bridge As-Built Drawing) may also be purchased from Consolidated Reprographic, please contact Brian Watamura at 909-370-2730 or 951-232-3366.**

(vii) The special provisions, page 327 of volume II, provide a table for utility relocations and contractor arranged time for the relocations. The total of these days is approximately 585 days. There are multiple activities and work areas that will require coordination between the contractor and the respective utility, probably requiring a utility to be completing multiple items of work concurrently. With regard to the days provided in the table, will the various utilities be able to perform in multiple areas at the same time? What are the specific requirements and obligations of the contractor with regard to the scheduling of these items of work?

**Response: The Contractor is obligated to notify the utility owners and allow them time to complete their work within the duration specified in SSP. Coordination is required to ensure the utility owner will complete their work in a timely manner and not hinder contractor operations.**

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(viii) The temporary shoring for the detour plans does not appear to have a pay item. Under what item shall this be paid? In addition there does not appear to be a detail or specification for the detour temporary shoring. Could this wall be a Hilfiker type wall? The existing MSE wall specification could support this item of work as well. The existing temporary shoring specification specifically addresses wall no 137 supporting the existing RR Tracks and does not reference the wall required for the detour. We required details, a specification reference, and a specified or new pay item for the detour temporary shoring work.

**Response: Please refer to Section 10-1.36 "Earthwork" of the Special Provision which states "Full compensation for furnishing, constructing, and removing the temporary shoring retaining wall shall be considered as included in the contract cubic meter prices paid for Embankment (Detour) and no additional compensation will be allowed therefore." The Contractor will be responsible for the selection and design of an appropriate temporary wall or shoring system.**

(ix) Please provide a copy of the pre-bid sign in sheets.

**Response: Copies of the "Pre-Bid Meeting Sign In Sheet" can be obtained on the SANBAG web site: <http://www.sanbag.ca.gov/about/contracting.html>**

(x) Will the questions from contractors and suppliers and the answers to these questions be posted or provided by addenda?

**Response: Responses to Pre-Bid Inquiries shall be sent e-mail and will be posted to the SANBAG web site: <http://www.sanbag.ca.gov/about/contracting.html>**

Inquiry No.6 - California Drilling & Blasting

Will rock excavation or blasting be anticipated or specified for the Highway 215 Construction Project?

**Response: No Rock excavation or blasting is anticipated on this project.**

Inquiry No. 7 - Archer Western Contractors (The Walsh Group)

Is there a complete Geotechnical report for this project that we can obtain? Obviously we would like to look at all recommendations but definitely need information for regular excavation, retaining walls, and conduits. This information is critical and if available in Adobe we would like to up load it.

**Response: Please refer to page 304 - 307 of Volume 2 of 3 of the Contract Special provisions for a listing all the supplemental information available. The listed reports (except for bridge As-Built Drawing) may be viewed at the SANBAG field office located at 2700 Little Mountain Drive, Bld. B, Ste. 101. Please call to make an appointment to review the documents. The documents (except for bridge As-Built Drawing) may also be purchased from Consolidated Reprographic, please contact Brian Watamura at 909-370-2730 or 951-232-3366.**